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SUBJECT: INDEPENDENCE FOR ST. VINCENT

1. WE HAVE THE TEXT OF A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY MINISTER OF
STATE ROWLANDS AND PREMIER CATO IN LONDON SEPTEMBER 21 AT THE
CLOSE OF THE ST. VINCENT CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE.
ACCORDING TO THE COMMUNIQUE A DRAFT INDEPENDENCE CONSTITUTION
FOR ST. VINCENT WILL BE PREPARED FOR SUBMISSION FOR THE APPROVAL
OF THE ST. VINCENT HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY. THERE IS LITTLE DOUBT OF
ITS APPROVAL. THE GOAL OF THE EXERCISE IS TO TERMINATE ST. VIN-
CENT'S STATUS OF ASSOCIATION WITH BRITAIN. ST. VINCENT WOULD
THEREUPON BECOME INDEPENDENT. IN A STATEMENT BY PREMIER CATO TO
THE BRIDGETOWN PRESS SEPTEMBER 28 HE SET HIS TARGET DATE FOR
INDEPENDENCE AS JANUARY 22, 1979. CATO ALSO SAID HE WAS
"COMPLETELY SATISFIED" WITH THE OUTCOME OF THE TALKS.

2. ACCORDING TO THE BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER THE DATE
SET BY CATO IS HIGHLY UNREALISTIC. THE PROCESS MAY WELL
TAKE SEVERAL MONTHS IF NOT A YEAR. NEVERTHELESS YET
ANOTHER TINE STATE IN THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN IS ON THE
BRINK OF NATIONHOOD.
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